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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 4632-31

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yukio Namai et al.) Group Art Unit: 1761
Application No.: 09/961,434) Examiner: George Chan Pui Yeung
Filed: September 25, 2001)
For: Method and an Apparatus for) Confirmation No.: 6610

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet(s). The amendments are discussed in this paper and are also illustrated in the attached annotated drawing sheet(s).

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include:

Replacement Abstract.

Replacement Sheet(s): one sheet - FIG. 3

[Annotated Sheet(s) showing changes: one sheet - FIG. 3]